

Remarks/Arguments:

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on February 6, 2009, in which the claims and the prior art were discussed.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2008.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Popp et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,291) in view of mhaTabPage (cited PDF document).

The independent claims have been amended to include the feature that “an event mechanism allows controls to register for events that they will raise or listen for; wherein when an event is raised, all controls in the control tree that have registered to receive it, handle the event; and wherein at least some controls are associated with different portions of a displayed page such that an action at a first portion of a page associated with a first control of the control tree causes an event that is received by a second control of the control tree associated with a second portion of the page such that a second action occurs at the second portion of the page”. This feature is described in paragraph [0042] of the present invention’s published application. Paragraph [0042] gives the example of a form control raising an event that a button control receives resulting in the button un-dimming.

This new feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art. For example, Popp does not show or make obvious controls for different portions of a page raising and receiving events.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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